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Unit Name	Bates Township	County	IRON	Type	TOWNSHIP	MuniCode	36-1-010
Opinion Date-Use Calendar	Jul 9, 2008	Audit Submitted-Use Calendar	Jul 10, 2008	Fiscal Year-Use Drop List	2008		

If a local unit of government (authorities & commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is NOT included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

Place a check next to each "Yes" or non-applicable question below. Questions left unmarked should be those you wish to answer "No".

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Are all required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Does the local unit have a positive fund balance in all of its unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets?
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Were the local unit's actual expenditures within the amounts authorized in the budget?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Is this unit in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Did the local unit adopt a budget for all required funds?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Was a public hearing on the budget held in accordance with State statute?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Is the local unit in compliance with the Revised Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, and other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8. Has the local unit distributed tax revenues, that were collected for another taxing unit, timely as required by the general property tax act?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9. Do all deposits/investments comply with statutory requirements including the adoption of an investment policy?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. Is the local unit free of illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to your attention as defined in the Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11. Is the unit free of any indications of fraud or illegal acts that came to your attention during the course of audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division? (If there is such activity, please submit a separate report under separate cover.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Is the local unit free of repeated reported deficiencies from previous years?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13. Is the audit opinion unqualified?
	14. If not, what type of opinion is it? <input type="text" value="NA"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15. Has the local unit complied with GASB 34 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16. Has the board or council approved all disbursements prior to payment as required by charter or statute?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17. To your knowledge, were the bank reconciliations that were reviewed performed timely?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18. Are there reported deficiencies?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	19. If so, was it attached to the audit report?

General Fund Revenue:	\$ 231,004.00
General Fund Expenditure:	\$ 208,780.00
Major Fund Deficit Amount:	\$ 0.00

General Fund Balance:	\$ 207,013.00
Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt (see Instructions):	\$ 0.00

We affirm that we are certified public accountants (CPA) licensed to practice in Michigan. We further affirm the above responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (Reported deviations).

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BATES TOWNSHIP

**Financial Report
With Supplemental Information
Prepared in Accordance with GASB 34**

March 31, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of **Bates Township**, as of and for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

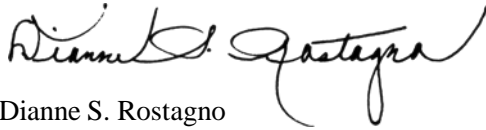
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, and with the standards prescribed by the State Treasurer. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Board of Trustees, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinions, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Bates Township** at March 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the fiscal year ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 09, 2008 on our consideration of **Bates Township's** internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 8 through 21 and the budgetary comparison information are not required parts of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* and by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of the inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise **Bates Township's** basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne S. Rostagno". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dianne S. Rostagno
DS ROSTAGNO, CPA, P.C.

July 09, 2008

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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The management of **Bates Township** provides this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of **Bates Township** for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008. As readers, you are encouraged to read this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the Township's financial statement information included in this report.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Township's basic financial statements. The financial section of this report includes management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Township's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the Township's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Township is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Township that are mainly supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their cost through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Township include general government, legislative, public safety, public works, Township property, and culture and recreation. The business-type activities of the Township include Water and Sewer utility services.

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Fund Financial Statements

The Township, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. In the basic financial statements, the emphasis of the fund financial statements is on major funds. All of the funds of the Township can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental Funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spend-able resources, as well as on balances of spend-able resources available at the end of the fiscal year. This information may be useful in evaluating the Township's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. In order to provide the reader with information to better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions, a reconciliation between the government-wide financial statements is included as part of the basic financial statements.

The Township maintains three governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the General and Road Repair funds, both of which are considered major funds. The Liquor Law Enforcement Fund is a non-major governmental fund.

Individual fund data for each fund is presented separately in the "Other Supplementary Information" section of this report.

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Governmental Funds (Continued)

The Township adopts an annual budget for its general and other governmental funds. To demonstrate compliance with this budget, a budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general and other major governmental funds, and is included in the "Required Supplementary Information" section of this document.

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary Funds provide services for which the Township charges customers a fee. The Township has only one type of proprietary fund - enterprise funds. The enterprise funds of the Township are used to report the same functions as the business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Water and Sewer Utility Funds are presented separately in both the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements and are both considered major funds. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations very similar to business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. The fiduciary fund for the Township is the Tax Collection Fund. Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Township's own programs. This fund is presented separately in the fund financial statements section of the basic financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Notes to the financial statements are included in the basic financial statements, and provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements.

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Supplementary Information

Required supplementary information follows the basic financial statements, and includes budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund and the Township's major special revenue funds as presented in the governmental fund financial statements.

A separate financial statement for the Township's non-major governmental funds is also included in the Other Supplementary Information section of this document.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

In time, net assets of a governmental entity may serve as a useful indicator of the government's financial position. In the case of the Township, assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,574,445 at March 31, 2008.

By far, the largest portion of the Township's net assets is its investment in capital assets (land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any outstanding debt related to acquiring the asset. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending. The Township had \$1,672,000 in related outstanding debt at March 31, 2008; hence the Township reported \$1,958,812 in net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

External restrictions of the Township's net assets represent resources subject to existing external obligations or programmatic control on future use. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets of \$207,013 may be used to meet the Township's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Total net assets in excess of liabilities at March 31 for the governmental activities and business-type activities were \$473,424 and \$2,101,021, respectively.

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Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

The following is a comparative summary of net assets at fiscal years ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007:

	March 31, 2008		
	Primary Government		
	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business-type</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current and other assets	\$ 364941	\$ 271392	\$ 636333
Capital assets, net	<u>108483</u>	<u>3522329</u>	<u>3630812</u>
Total Assets	473424	3793721	4267145
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Long-term liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 1609000	\$ 1609000
Other liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>83700</u>	<u>83700</u>
Total Liabilities	0	1692700	1692700
<u>NET ASSETS</u>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 108483	\$ 1850329	\$ 1958812
Restricted	157928	250692	408620
Unrestricted	<u>207013</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>207013</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ 473424	\$ 2101021	\$ 2574445

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Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

	March 31, 2007		
	Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-type	Total
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current and other assets	\$ 329252	\$ 212589	\$ 541841
Capital assets, net	<u>115539</u>	<u>3464561</u>	<u>3580100</u>
Total Assets	444791	3677150	4121941
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Long-term liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 1377000	\$ 1377000
Other liabilities	<u>80</u>	<u>79500</u>	<u>79580</u>
Total Liabilities	80	1456500	1456580
<u>NET ASSETS</u>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 115539	\$ 2030561	\$ 2146100
Restricted	144383	190089	334472
Unrestricted	<u>184789</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>184789</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ 444711	\$ 2220650	\$ 2665361

For governmental activities, net assets increased by \$28,713 during the fiscal year. For business-type activities, net assets decreased by \$119,629 during the fiscal year.

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Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

The following represents the comparative changes in net assets for both governmental and business-type activities for fiscal years ended March 31, 2008 and March 31, 2007:

	March 31, 2008		
	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<u>REVENUES</u>			
<i>Program Revenues</i>			
Charges for Services	\$ 23013	\$ 325607	\$ 348620
Operating grants/contributions	9376		9376
<i>General Revenues</i>			
Property taxes	220606		220606
Other taxes	26159		26159
Unrestricted grants	73457		73457
Other	<u>3166</u>	<u>7500</u>	<u>10666</u>
Total Revenues	355777	333107	688884
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
General government	\$ 77461	\$ 0	\$ 77461
Legislative	20163		20163
Township property	30722		30722
Public safety	19431		19431
Public works	156048		156048
Culture and recreation	12779		12779
Community promotion	3404		3404
Depreciation	<u>7056</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7056</u>
Total governmental expenses	\$ 327064	\$ 0	\$ 327064
<u>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</u>			
Water	\$ 0	\$ 329913	\$ 329913
Sewer	<u>0</u>	<u>122823</u>	<u>122823</u>
Total business-type activities	0	452736	452736
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 327064	\$ 452736	\$ 779800

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Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

	March 31, 2008		
	Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-type	Total
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	
Increase (Decrease) in net assets			
Before transfers	\$ 28713	\$ (119629)	\$ (90916)
Transfers – net	0	0	0
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	28713	(119629)	(90916)
Net Assets, beginning of year	444711	2220650	2665361
Net Assets, end of year	\$ <u>473424</u>	\$ <u>2101021</u>	\$ <u>2574445</u>

	March 31, 2007		
	Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-type	Total
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	
<u>REVENUES</u>			
<i>Program Revenues</i>			
Charges for Services	\$ 19152	\$ 288628	\$ 307780
Operating grants/contributions	9614		9614
<i>General Revenues</i>			
Property taxes	210033		210033
Other taxes	22912		22912
Unrestricted grants	72763		72763
Other	<u>3718</u>	<u>10849</u>	<u>14567</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 338192	\$ 299477	\$ 637669

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Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

March 31, 2007			
Primary Government			
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
General government	\$ 81457	\$ 0	\$ 81457
Legislative	17399		17399
Township property	29737		29737
Public safety	19627		19627
Public works	56517		56517
Culture and recreation	27183		27183
Community Promotion	2084		2084
Depreciation	<u>6854</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6854</u>
Total governmental expenses	\$ 240858	\$ 0	\$ 240858
<u>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</u>			
Water	0	321869	321869
Sewer	<u>0</u>	<u>125384</u>	<u>125384</u>
Total business-type activities	0	447253	447253
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 240858	\$ 447253	\$ 688111
Increase (Decrease) in net assets before transfers	97334	(147776)	(50442)
Transfers – net	0	0	0
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	97334	(147776)	(50442)
Net Assets, beginning of year	347377	2368426	2715803
Net Assets, end of year	\$ <u>444711</u>	\$ <u>2220650</u>	\$ <u>2665361</u>

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Governmental Activities

Property taxes and other tax revenues comprise \$246,765 or approximately 70 percent of total governmental revenues.

The Township also collected \$23,013 for services provided. And, at fiscal year-end, the Township reported \$73,457 in grants and contributions not restricted for specific programs. This amount was due entirely to the State of Michigan's state sales tax distribution, and comprises approximately 21 percent of total governmental revenues.

The Township expended \$327,064 on governmental programs and services. Some of the largest expense categories were for public works, where \$156,048, or 48 percent of total governmental expenditures were reported. General government expenditures were \$77,461 or 24 percent of total governmental expenditures. A total of \$30,722 was expended on the maintenance of Township property.

Business-type Activities

Business-type activities decreased the Township's net assets by \$119,629. Charges for services for the Water and Sewer activities for the year ended were \$233,972 and \$91,635, respectively. Total expenses for the Water and Sewer activities for the year ended were \$329,913 and \$122,823 respectively.

Financial Analysis of the Governmental Funds

As previously noted, the Township uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Township's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. This information is useful in assessing the Township's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

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Governmental Funds (Continued)

The Township's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$364,941, of which \$157,928 is reserved and the remaining \$207,013 is available for spending at the government's discretion.

The Township's primary governmental fund is its general fund. There are no reservations in the general fund fund balance.

On the budgetary basis of accounting, the Township ended the fiscal year with revenues slightly higher than both the original and final projections. Total expenditures in the General Fund were considerably lower than the original and the final projections. The revenues in the Road Fund came in slightly higher than the original and final projections and the total expenditures in the Road Fund were slightly higher than the original and final projections. Because of this, at fiscal year-end, the fund balance in the General Fund was somewhat higher than either the original or the final amended budget projections, with the Road Fund coming in slightly higher than projected at year end.

Revenues – Budget vs Actual for Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2008

	Revenues Original Budget	Revenues Final Budget	Revenues Final Actual	Revenues Variance Actual vs Original Budget	Revenues Variance Actual vs Final Budget
General Fund	\$ 216800	\$ 216800	\$ 231004	\$ 14204	\$ 14204
Road Fund	103194	103194	124388	21194	21194

Expenditures – Budget vs Actual for Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2008

	Expenditures Original Budget	Expenditures Final Budget	Expenditures Final Actual	Expenditures Variance Actual vs Original Budget	Expenditures Variance Actual vs Final Budget
General Fund	\$ 216200	\$ 216369	\$ 208780	\$ 7420	\$ 7589
Road Fund	103194	103194	110797	(7603)	(7603)

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Governmental Funds (Continued)

General fund financial and budgetary highlights of the fiscal year include:

- * Property taxes, administration fees, and other taxes came in very close to budgetary projections.
- * State sales tax distributions were slightly higher than the original and final amended budget, coming in at \$73,457, compared to the budget estimates of \$ 65,200.
- * Expenditures in total for the general fund were \$208,780 which is less than the final amended budget of \$216,369 by \$7,589. This was due largely to the fact that actual costs for the Department of Public Works was less than the final amounts appropriated.

Major special revenue fund financial and budgetary highlights of the fiscal year include:

- * In the Road Fund, which is the only major special revenue fund, the Township received funds of \$5,726 under the Schools and Roads Grant, and \$3,650 from the Metro Act, which had not been budgeted.
- * The expenditures for the Road fund totaled \$110,797 for road repair, although \$103,194 had been budgeted.

Proprietary Funds

The Township's proprietary fund provides the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Net assets of the Water Fund at year-end were \$1,277,299. Of this amount, \$1,161,656 of Township equity in the Water Fund was invested in capital assets, net of related debt; \$115,643 was restricted for utility service. The change in net assets was a loss of \$92,224.

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Proprietary Funds (Continued)

Net assets of the Sewer Fund at year-end were \$823,722. Of this amount, \$688,673 is invested in capital assets, net of related debt. The balance of \$135,049 is reserved for utility services. The change in net assets was a loss of \$27,405.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Township's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for its governmental and business-type activities as of March 31 were \$108,483 and \$3,522,329, respectively. The investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, infrastructure, machinery and equipment, and licensed vehicles.

Infrastructure assets represent \$6,833,816 or approximately 95 percent of the estimated original cost of total assets. The infrastructure is accounted for in the Water and Sewer Funds. There is no infrastructure attributed to the General Fund.

Accomplishments and Priorities

- Waterline installation – Anderson Road. This eliminated the need to purchase water from the City of Iron River.
- Waterline replacement – Bates-Amasa Road.
- Sewer manhole replacements – Rogers Location.
- Blacktop Section 16 Road.

Goals and Major priorities for 2008-2009 fiscal year

- Dust control on 100% of the township roads, this would be the first time in the history of the Township.
- Blacktop roads.
- Sewer – scoping and routing the sewer lines in the Rogers Location and replacement of more manholes.

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Long-term debt

As of March 31, the Township (including the enterprise funds) had total bonded debt outstanding of \$1,672,000. This debt is the result of bonds issued for the water supply system project, with a balance outstanding in the amount of \$ 1,515,000, and for refunding bonds for the sanitary sewage system with a balance of \$157,000. On July 26, 2007 the Township issued general obligation capital improvement bonds in the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of improvements to the Township's water supply system. State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a governmental entity may issue to 10 percent of its total assessed valuation. The Township is in compliance with this requirement.

Other Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Economic Factors

Despite economic uncertainties facing local governments, the Township will continue to strive to provide good social and cultural conditions that support healthy families, and maintain a safe and clean community in which to live.

The Township's General Fund budget for 2008-2009 is \$221,300 slightly higher than the 2007-2008 budget.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Township's finances for all those with an interest in the Township's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

Township Supervisor
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Iron River, Michigan 49935

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BATES TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>Primary Government</u>		
	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business-type</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Reporting Entity</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash and Investments (Note C)	\$ 245,123	\$ 41,142	\$ 286,265
Receivables			
Taxes	17,542	-	17,542
Accounts Receivable	-	45,153	45,153
Due from External Parties	6,583	-	6,583
Internal Balances	95,693	(95,693)	-
Total Current Assets	364,941	(9,398)	355,543
<u>Noncurrent Assets</u>			
Restricted Cash and Investments	-	280,790	280,790
Capital Assets, Net (Note H)	108,483	3,522,329	3,630,812
Total Noncurrent Assets	108,483	3,803,119	3,911,602
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 473,424	\$ 3,793,721	\$ 4,267,145
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	-	1,800	1,800
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	-	-	-
Deferred Revenue	-	18,900	18,900
Current Portion of Long-term Debt	-	63,000	63,000
Total Current Liabilities	-	83,700	83,700
<u>Noncurrent Liabilities</u>			
Bonds/Notes Payable (Note I)	-	1,609,000	1,609,000
Compensated Absences Payable	-	-	-
Long-term Employee Benefits Payable	-	-	-
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	-	1,609,000	1,609,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	1,692,700	1,692,700
<u>NET ASSETS</u>			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	108,483	1,850,329	1,958,812
Restricted for Road Repair	157,564	-	157,564
Restricted for Liquor Law Enforcement	364	-	364
Restricted for Utility Services	-	250,692	250,692
Unrestricted and Undesignated	207,013	-	207,013
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 473,424	\$ 2,101,021	\$ 2,574,445

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

BATES TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

Functions/Programs	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants & Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants</u>
Primary Government -				
General government	\$ 77,461	\$ 14,323	\$ -	\$ -
Legislative	20,163			-
Township property	30,722	8,305		-
Public safety	19,431	385		-
Public works	156,048		9,376	-
Culture and recreation	12,779			-
Community promotion	3,404			-
Depreciation (Unallocated)	7,056	-	-	-
 Total Governmental Activities	 \$ 327,064	 \$ 23,013	 \$ 9,376	 \$ -
 <u>Business-type Activities</u>				
Water Utility	329,913	233,972		
Sewer Utility	122,823	91,635		
 Total Business-type Activities	 \$ 452,736	 \$ 325,607		

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property taxes levied for general operations

Property taxes levied for road repair

Other taxes and related fees

State Sales Tax Distribution

Interest and Investment Earnings

Other

Total General Revenues

Change in Net Assets

Net Assets - Beginning of year

Net Assets - End of year

BATES TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

***Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes
in Net Assets***

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ (63,138)	\$ -	\$ (63,138)
(20,163)		(20,163)
(22,417)		(22,417)
(19,046)	-	(19,046)
(146,672)		(146,672)
(12,779)	-	(12,779)
(3,404)		(3,404)
(7,056)	-	(7,056)
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\$ (294,675)	\$ -	\$ (294,675)
	(95,941)	(95,941)
	(31,188)	(31,188)
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	\$ (127,129)	\$ (127,129)
111,031	-	111,031
109,575	-	109,575
26,159	-	26,159
73,457	-	73,457
2,921	7,500	10,421
245	-	245
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323,388	7,500	330,888
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28,713	(119,629)	(90,916)
444,711	2,220,650	2,665,361
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\$ 473,424	\$ 2,101,021	\$ 2,574,445
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BATES TOWNSHIP

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Road Repair Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and Investments (Note C)				
Unrestricted	\$ 61,470	\$ 183,289	\$ 364	\$ 245,123
Receivables:				
Taxes	8,829	8,713	-	17,542
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	
Due from Other Funds	136,714	683	-	137,397
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 207,013</u>	<u>\$ 192,685</u>	<u>\$ 364</u>	<u>\$ 400,062</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Deposits	-	-	-	-
Accrued Taxes	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Funds	-	35,121	-	35,121
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	35,121	-	35,121
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>				
Reserved for Road Repair		157,564		157,564
Reserved for Liquor Law Enforcement			364	364
Unreserved and undesignated	207,013			207,013
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	207,013	157,564	364	364,941
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 207,013</u>	<u>\$ 192,685</u>	<u>\$ 364</u>	<u>\$ 400,062</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO NET ASSETS

MARCH 31, 2008

Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 364,941
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement
of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities
are not financial resources and are not
reported in the funds.

The cost of capital assets is:	293,594
Accumulated depreciation is:	(185,111)

Long term liabilities are not due and payable
in the current period and are not reported
in the funds:

Bonds Payable	-
Compensated Absences	-

Other long term assets not available to pay
current period expenditures therefore
deferred in the funds

-

Accrued interest is not included as a liability
in governmental funds

-

Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 473,424</u>
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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Road Repair Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Revenue</u>				
General Property taxes	\$ 111,031	\$ 109,575	\$ -	\$ 220,606
Other local taxes and fees	22,938	3,221	-	26,159
Use of money and property	2,660	2,216	-	4,876
Charges for services	17,768	-	-	17,768
Miscellaneous	3,150	-	-	3,150
Intergovernmental	<u>73,457</u>	<u>9,376</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>83,218</u>
Total Revenue	231,004	124,388	385	355,777
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Current Operating:				
General government	77,461	-	-	77,461
Legislative	20,163	-	-	20,163
Township property	30,722	-	-	30,722
Public safety	19,000	-	431	19,431
Public works	45,251	110,797	-	156,048
Culture and recreation	12,779	-	-	12,779
Community promotion	3,404	-	-	3,404
Intergovernmental Payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	208,780	110,797	431	320,008
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	22,224	13,591	(46)	35,769
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>				
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources(Uses)	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	22,224	13,591	(46)	35,769
Fund Balances -Beginning of year	<u>184,789</u>	<u>143,973</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>329,172</u>
Fund Balances -End of year	<u><u>\$ 207,013</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 157,564</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 364</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 364,941</u></u>

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds **\$ 35,769**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement
of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in
the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their
estimated useful lives as depreciation.

Depreciation Expense	(7,056)
Capital Outlay	<u>-</u>

Total	(7,056)
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Revenue reported in the statement of activities that does not provide
current financial resources and are not reported as revenue
in the governmental funds

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Accrued interest is recorded in the statement of activities when
incurred; it is not reported in governmental funds until paid

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Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental
funds, but not in the statement of activities (where it reduces
long term debt)

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Increases (Decreases) in compensated absences are reported as
expenditures when financial resources are used in the governmental
funds in accordance with GASB Interpretation No. 6

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Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities **\$ 28,713**

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BATES TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF FUND NET ASSETS - ENTERPRISE FUNDS

MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
<i>Current Assets:</i>			
Cash, unrestricted	\$ 17,174	\$ 23,968	\$ 41,142
Accounts Receivable, net	37,987	7,166	45,153
Internal Balances	(95,568)	(125)	(95,693)
Total Current Assets	(40,407)	31,009	(9,398)
<i>Noncurrent Assets:</i>			
Restricted cash	176,750	104,040	280,790
Capital assets:			
Buildings	-	-	-
Equipment	76,866	6,403	83,269
Infrastructure	4,134,791	2,699,025	6,833,816
Less:			
Allowance for depreciation	(1,535,001)	(1,859,755)	(3,394,756)
Total capital assets, net	2,676,656	845,673	3,522,329
Total Noncurrent Assets	2,853,406	949,713	3,803,119
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,812,999	\$ 980,722	\$ 3,793,721
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>			
Accounts payable	1,800	-	1,800
Current portion of long-term debt	35,000	28,000	63,000
Deferred revenues	18,900	-	18,900
Total Current Liabilities	55,700	28,000	83,700
Non-current Liabilities:			
Revenue bonds payable	1,480,000	129,000	1,609,000
Total Non-current Liabilities	1,480,000	129,000	1,609,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,535,700	157,000	1,692,700
<u>NET ASSETS</u>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,161,656	688,673	1,850,329
Reserved for Utility Services	115,643	135,049	250,692
Unreserved	-	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 1,277,299	\$ 823,722	\$ 2,101,021

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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS -
ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>			
Charges for Services	\$ 233,197	\$ 86,403	\$ 319,600
Miscellaneous	<u>775</u>	<u>5,232</u>	<u>6,007</u>
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 233,972	\$ 91,635	\$ 325,607
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>			
Personal Services and Benefits	25,144	22,762	47,906
Contractual Services	5,378	7,841	13,219
Repairs and Maintenance	4,584	-	4,584
Other Supplies and Expenses	32,013	11,627	43,640
Administrative Expenses	6,321	2,818	9,139
Water Purchases	11,705	-	11,705
Depreciation	158,263	69,335	227,598
Miscellaneous	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 243,408	\$ 114,383	\$ 357,791
Operating Income (Loss)	(9,436)	(22,748)	(32,184)
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):			
Interest and Investment Revenue	3,717	3,783	7,500
Interest Expense	(73,864)	(8,440)	(82,304)
Cost of Issuance	(12,641)		
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(82,788)	(4,657)	(87,445)
Change in Net Assets	(92,224)	(27,405)	(119,629)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,369,333</u>	<u>851,317</u>	<u>2,220,650</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,277,109</u>	<u>\$ 823,912</u>	<u>\$ 2,101,021</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ENTERPRISE FUNDS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED BY)			
<u>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Net cash received from fees and services	\$ 230,054	\$ 86,427	\$ 316,481
Other operating revenues	775	5,232	6,007
Cash payments to employees for services	(29,544)	(21,010)	(50,554)
Cash payments to goods and services	(57,401)	(24,038)	(81,439)
Other operating expenses	-	-	-
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NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	143,884	46,611	190,495
<u>NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	-	-	-
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	-	-	-
Net operating transfers in (out)	-	-	-
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NET CASH FROM NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-	-	-
<u>CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(281,385)	(3,981)	(285,366)
Principal payment on long-term bonds	(35,000)	(27,000)	(62,000)
Interest paid on long-term bonds	(73,864)	(8,440)	(82,304)
Interest and tax expense	-	-	-
Proceeds from borrowings	300,000	-	300,000
Cost of Issuance	(12,641)	-	-
Contributed capital grants	-	-	-
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NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(102,890)	(39,421)	(142,311)
<u>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Interest Income	3,717	3,783	7,500
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NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	3,717	3,783	7,500
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	44,711	10,973	55,684
 Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	 <hr/> 149,213	 <hr/> 117,035	 <hr/> 266,248
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 193,924	\$ 128,008	\$ 321,932

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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ENTERPRISE FUNDS
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING
ACTIVITIES**

Operating Income	\$ (9,436)	\$ (22,748)	\$ (32,184)
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
. Depreciation	158,263	69,335	227,598
. Provision for uncollectible accounts			-
. Changes in assets and liabilities :			
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	(3,143)	24	(3,119)
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	(1,800)		(1,800)
Increase (Decrease) in deferred revenue	-	-	-
Increase (Decrease) in customer deposits	-	-	-
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 143,884</u>	<u>\$ 46,611</u>	<u>\$ 190,495</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

FIDUCIARY FUND**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS***MARCH 31, 2008*

	Agency Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 34,785</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 34,785
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Due to Other Funds	6,583
Due to Other Governmental Units	<u>28,202</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 34,785
 <u>NET ASSETS</u>	
Unrestricted	<u>-</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ -

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BATES TOWNSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting methods and procedures adopted by **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental entities. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

THE FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Township was organized in 1885 and covers an area of approximately 80990 acres. The Township operates under an elected board of commissioners (5 people) and provides services to its approximately 966 residents in many areas including law enforcement, general administration and water and sewer services. In accordance with the provisions of GASB 14, certain other governmental organizations are not considered to be part of the Township entity for financial reporting purposes. The criteria established by GASB 14 for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity's financial statements include separation of electing governing body and legal status, and fiscal independence.

BATES TOWNSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

THE FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY (Continued)

On this basis, the financial statements of certain other governmental organizations are not included in the financial statements of the Township as discretely presented component units.

BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

A blended component unit is a legally separate entity from the local unit, but it is so intertwined with the unit that it is, in substance, the same as the local governmental unit.

A basic strategy of GASB 14 is to present financial information for component units separately from the financial information for the primary government. This is achieved through the discrete presentation method. However, in the case of blended component units, GASB believes that it would be more appropriate to use the blending method to incorporate the financial information of a component unit into the reporting entity's financial statements.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS (Continued)

When the blending method is used, transactions and balances of a component unit are merged with similar transactions and balances of the primary government so that there is no way to identify which balances relate to the component unit and which relate to the primary government.

On this basis, there are no blended component units to be reported.

JOINT VENTURES

A joint venture is a legal entity or other organization that results from a contractual agreement and that is owned, operated, or governed by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control, in which the participants retain an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

JOINT VENTURES (Continued)

An ongoing financial responsibility is determined as a participating government's obligation in some manner for debts or the joint venture's existence depends on continued funding by the participating government.

There are no joint ventures to be reported.

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A jointly governed organization is a multi-governmental arrangement that is governed by representatives from each of the governments that create the organization, but that is not a joint venture because the participants do not retain an ongoing financial interest or responsibility.

West Iron County Fire Board

The West Iron County Fire Board was organized in 1987 and provides fire protection for Iron River, Bates and Stambaugh Townships, and the City of Iron River, Iron County, Michigan.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS
(Continued)

West Iron County Fire Board (Continued)

The Board operates under an appointed Board of Commissioners (9 people) and provides fire protection services to more than 4500 residents.

The Board is funded by assessments from the participating municipalities.

Financial statements are available by writing to:

West Iron County Fire Board
P.O.Box 203
Iron River, Michigan 49935

West Iron County Volunteer Fire Department

The West Iron County Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1987 and consists of volunteer fire fighters from the City of Iron River and the Townships of Bates, Iron River, and Stambaugh.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS
(Continued)

West Iron County Volunteer Fire Department
(Continued)

The purpose of the organization is to preserve and protect all life and property as declared by the West Iron County Fire Board.

The officers, elected by a plurality of votes of members present at the annual meeting consist of a Chief, Assistant Chief, First Captain, Second Captain, Training Officer, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Complete financial statements of the West Iron County Volunteer Fire Department can be obtained from:

West Iron County Volunteer Fire Department
640 9th Street
Iron River, Michigan 49935

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

A related organization is an organization for which a primary government is not financially accountable (because it does not impose will or have a financial benefit or burden relations) even though the primary government appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board.

There are no related organizations to be reported.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Township follows GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. GASB Statement No. 34 adds the following components to the financial statements:

Management's Discussion and Analysis

A narrative introduction and analytical overview of the government's financial activities. This analysis is similar to analysis the private sector provides in their annual reports.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

Government-wide financial statements

These include financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the government's activities. This approach includes not just current assets and liabilities (such as cash and accounts payable) but also capital assets and long-term liabilities (such as buildings and infrastructure, including bridges and roads, and general obligation debt). Annual accounting also reports all of the revenues and costs of providing services each year, not just those received or paid in the current year or soon thereafter. The government-wide statements include the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Program Activities.

Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets displays the financial position of the primary government (government and business-type activities).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

Statement of Net Assets (Continued)

Governments report all capital assets, including infrastructure, in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and report depreciation expenses - the cost of "using up" capital assets - in the Statement of Activities. The net assets of a government are broken down into three categories - 1) invested in capital assets, net of related debt; 2) restricted; and 3) unrestricted.

Statement of Program Activities

The statement of program activities reports expenses and revenues in a format that focuses on the cost of the government's functions. The expense of individual functions is compared to the revenues generated directly by the function (for instance, through user charges or intergovernmental grants).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

Budgetary comparison schedules

Demonstrating compliance with the adopted budget is an important component of a government's accountability to the public.

Many citizens participate in the process of establishing the annual operating budgets of state and local governments, and have a keen interest in following the actual financial progress of their governments over the course of the year. The Township and many other governments revise their original budgets over the course of the year for a variety of reasons.

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements present the primary government and its component units, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

The basic financial statements include both government-wide (based on the Township as a whole) and fund financial statements. The reporting model focus is on both the Township as a whole and the fund financial statements, including the major individual funds of governmental and business-type categories, as well as the fiduciary funds (by category).

Both the government-wide and fund financial statements (within the basic financial statements) categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, both the governmental and business-type activities columns (a) are presented on a consolidated basis by column, and (b) are reflected, on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which incorporates long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS (Continued)**

Both governmental-wide and fund financial statement presentations provide valuable information that can be analyzed and compared (between years and between governments) to enhance the usefulness of the financial information. The Township generally uses restricted assets first for expenses incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted assets are available. The Township may defer the use of restricted assets based on a review of the specific transaction.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reflects both the gross and net cost per functional category (public safety, public works, health and welfare, etc.) that are otherwise being supported by general government revenues (property, sales and use taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, etc.).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS (Continued)**

The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants, and contributions.

The program revenues must be directly associated with the function (public safety, public works, health and welfare, etc.) or a business-type activity. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operation or capital requirement of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS (Continued)**

The Township does not allocate indirect expenses. The operating grants and contributions column includes operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants and contributions column reflects capital-specific grants.

In the fund financial statements, financial transactions and accounts of the Township are organized in the basis of funds. The operation of each fund is considered to be an independent fiscal and separate accounting entity, with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and/or other financial resources together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS (Continued)**

The fund statements are presented on a current financial resource and modified accrual basis of accounting. This is the manner in which these funds are normally budgeted.

Since the governmental fund statements are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide statements' governmental activities column, a reconciliation is presented which briefly explains the adjustments necessary to reconcile the fund financial statements to the governmental activities column of the government-wide financial statements.

The Township's fiduciary funds are presented in the fund financial statements by type (pension, private purpose and agency).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS (Continued)**

Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, pension participants, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide financial statements.

The following is a brief description of the specific funds used by the Township.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

These funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued)

The acquisition, use, and balances of the Township's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities, except those accounted for in the Proprietary Fund, are accounted for through the Governmental Funds.

These funds are as follows:

General Fund

This fund is used for all financial transactions not accounted for in another fund, including the general operating expenditures of the local unit.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund (Continued)

Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes and state and federal distributions, grants and other intergovernmental revenues. For reporting purposes, the General Fund is always considered to be a major fund.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for specific governmental revenues requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action. The Township's *Liquor Law Enforcement* and *Road Repair Funds* are Special Revenue Funds.

The Road Repair Fund is considered a major fund for reporting purposes. The Liquor Law Enforcement Fund is a non-major fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Enterprise Funds

These funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises----where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses including depreciation) of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purpose.

The Township's *Water Fund* and *Sewer Fund* are Enterprise Funds.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. The Township's *Current Tax Collection Fund* is a Fiduciary Fund.

Accounting for Expendable Trust funds parallels accounting for governmental funds (modified accrual basis/approximate flow of current financial resources).

MEASUREMENT FOCUS

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)

With this measurement focus, only current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet in the fund statements. Long-term assets and long-term liabilities are included in the government-wide statements. Operating statements of the governmental funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The government-wide statement of net assets and statement of activities, all proprietary funds, and private purpose trust funds and pension trust funds (when applicable) are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus.

With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these activities are either included on the statement of net assets or on the statement of fiduciary net assets.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)

Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets.

The statement of net assets, statement of activities, and financial statements of the Proprietary Funds and the Fiduciary Fund are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred without regard to receipt or disbursement of cash.

The fund financial statements of the General and Special Revenue funds are maintained and reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting using the current financial resources measurement focus.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)

Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they become measurable and available. With respect to real and personal property tax revenue and other local taxes, the term "available" is limited to collection within sixty days of the fiscal year-end. Levies made prior to the fiscal year-end but which are not available are deferred. Interest income is recorded as earned. Federal and State reimbursement-type grants revenue is considered to be measurable and available as revenue when related eligible expenditures are incurred.

Expenditures, other than accrued interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the fund liability is incurred.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)

The local government unit applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the FASB pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriations, is employed for accountability purposes only.

It is the Township's policy to honor all unfilled contracts/orders at year-end, but the authority to complete these transactions is provided by the new year's budget appropriations, as unexpended appropriations of the current year lapse at year-end.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Township pools cash resources of its various funds to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the pooled cash accounts is available to meet current operating requirements.

The Township classifies cash on hand, cash on deposit (including certificates of deposit), and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of ninety days or less when purchased as cash in its financial statements.

INVENTORIES

Inventories of supplies are expended as received.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

RECEIVABLES

Accounts which will be collected within sixty days of year-end are accrued as accounts receivable in the General and Special Revenue Funds. User charges for the Proprietary Funds are recorded as receivable when billed. On an annual basis the charges are reviewed for collectibility. Those deemed uncollectible are assigned to the tax roll.

INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest on certificates of deposit is recorded as revenue in the year the interest is earned and is available to pay liabilities of the current period.

DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS

Transactions between funds that had not been paid or received as of fiscal year end have been recorded as inter-fund accounts receivable and payable in the financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS (Continued)

These inter-fund receivables and payables do not represent Board-approved loans between funds.

DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue represents amounts under the modified accrual basis of accounting for which asset recognition criteria have been met but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met, whereby such amounts are measurable but not considered currently available resources.

FUND EQUITY

The unreserved fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount available for budgeting future operations. The reserved fund balances represent the amount that has been legally identified for specific purposes.

BATES TOWNSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

FUND EQUITY (Continued)

Designated fund balances represent amounts earmarked by the Township for future expenditures.

Unreserved retained earnings represent net assets available for future operations or distribution. Reserved retained earnings represent net assets that have been legally identified for specific purposes. Designated retained earnings represent amounts earmarked by the Township for future expenditures.

BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The Township follows the State of Michigan Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act for budgeting procedures. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

**BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING
(Continued)**

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general and special revenue funds. Unexpended appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to March 31 of the preceding fiscal year, the Township prepares a budget for the next fiscal year beginning April 01. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

**BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING
(Continued)**

2. A meeting of the Township Board is then called for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget after sufficient public notice of the meeting has been given.
3. Prior to April 01, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the members of the Township Board.

Once the budget is approved, it can be amended at the Function and Fund level only by approval of a majority of the members of the Township Board. Amendments are presented to the Board at their regular meetings. Each amendment must have Board approval.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes are levied on December 31 and payable in two installments, July 01 and December 01. Property taxes are declared delinquent the following March 01, when they become a lien. The Township bills and collects its own property taxes and also collects taxes for the school districts, county, and library.

Collections for the schools, county, and library are accounted for in the Trust and Agency Fund. Township property tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent they are receivable. The County of Iron purchases from the Township the delinquent real property taxes outstanding as of March 01 of each year.

The 2007 taxable valuation of the Township totaled \$38,117,175, on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of 2.9131 mills for general operating purposes. An additional 2.8749 mill was levied for roads.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

NON-MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

The Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, and OMB Circular A-133 defines federal financial assistance to include both monetary and non-monetary forms of assistance provided by or passed down from a federal agency, such as grants, contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property, etc.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital outlays are recorded as expenditures of the General, Special Revenue, and Capital Projects Funds (when applicable) and as assets in the governmental-wide statements to the extent the Township's capitalization threshold of \$ 1,000 is met.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets on a government-wide basis using the straight-line method and the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings..... 20 - 30 years

Infrastructure..... 10 - 65 years

Furniture and Other

Equipment..... 5 - 20 years

To the extent the Township's capitalization threshold of \$1,000 is met, capital outlays of the Proprietary Funds are recorded as fixed assets and depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis on both the fund basis and the governmental-wide basis using the straight-line method and the following estimated useful lives:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Land Improvements..... 20 years

Equipment..... 5 - 20 years

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost was not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated.

Maintenance, repairs, and minor equipment are charged to operations when incurred. Expenses that materially change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of land, buildings, and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Township has no employees eligible to accrue vacation or sick pay.

POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Township offers no post-employment benefits.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

BATES TOWNSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE B – INTER-FUND ACTIVITIES

INTER-FUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Inter-fund receivables and payables do not represent inter-fund borrowings; instead, they represent actual amounts which are pending between funds at year-end due to the timing of cash flows. Generally, these amounts clear shortly after year-end when resources become available.

The amounts of the inter-fund receivables and payables as of March 31, 2008 were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Inter-fund Receivable</u>	<u>Inter-fund Payable</u>
General	\$ 136714	\$ 0
Road Repair	683	(35121)
Water	0	(95758)
Sewer	190	(125)
Trust and Agency	<u>0</u>	<u>(6583)</u>
Totals	\$ <u>137587</u>	\$ <u>(137587)</u>

The General Fund loaned monies to the Water Fund; the March 31, 2008 balance was \$ 18,165.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE B - INTERFUND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

INTER-FUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES
(Continued)

The Water Fund and the Sewer Fund owe the General Fund reimbursements for wages, benefits, and operating expenses which are paid back to the General Fund the following month. The Trust and Agency (tax) fund holds tax revenues collected for the General Fund.

OPERATING TRANSFERS

Inter-fund transfers are the result of legally authorized transfers from a fund receiving revenue to the fund through which the resources are to be expended.

During the current fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 the Township had no transfers.

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

The transfers of cash between the various Township funds are budgeted but reported separately from revenues and expenditures as operating transfers in or (out), unless they represent temporary advances that are to be repaid, in which case, they are carried as assets and liabilities of the advancing or borrowing funds.

BATES TOWNSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE C - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS

REVENUE BONDS - WATER

The funding requirements of Rural Economic and Community Development stipulate that separate accounts be established and funded as follows:

RECEIVING FUND

All gross income and revenue are first deposited in the Water Receiving Fund account. Monies so deposited shall be expended and used as required to properly fund the other accounts.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

A sufficient portion of income and revenue must be deposited to pay reasonable and necessary current expenses of administration, operating, and maintaining the system.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE C - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS

REVENUE BONDS - WATER (Continued)

BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION

Each quarter, deposits must be made to this account for payment of principle and interest on the Bonds in a sum equal to or not less than one fourth of the annual interest and principal on the Bonds.

On March 31, 2008, the Township is required to have \$22,837.50 on deposit in the Bond and Interest Redemption account. The actual balance on March 31, 2008 is \$39,255.94.

As of March 31, 2008, the Township was in compliance with the funding requirements for the Bond and Interest Redemption account.

BOND RESERVE

A minimum of \$ 2,325, per quarter must be deposited in this account until there is accumulated the sum of \$ 93,000.

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NOTE C- CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

REVENUE BONDS - WATER (Continued)

BOND RESERVE (Continued)

The monies in this account are to be used solely for the payment and interest on said bonds as to which there would otherwise be default. On March 31, 2008, the total in the Bond Reserve account was \$ 93,000, therefore meeting the funding requirements.

REPLACEMENT FUND

Revenues are to be transferred each quarter to the Replacement Fund in such amount as determined by resolution of the Township Board to be used and disbursed only for the purpose of paying the cost of repairing any damage to the System, or repairing or replacing obsolete, deteriorating, deteriorated or worn out portions of the System, and, when necessary, for the purpose of making payments of principal and interest on the Bonds. On March 31, 2008, the Replacement Fund has a cash balance of \$15,681.72.

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NOTE C- CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

REVENUE BONDS - WATER (Continued)

IMPROVEMENT FUND

Revenues are to be transferred each quarter to the Improvement Fund in such amount as determined by resolution of the Township Board. Money in the Improvement Fund shall be used and disbursed only for the purpose of paying the cost of making improvements to the system, and when necessary, for the purpose of making payments of principal and interest on the bonds.

On March 31, 2008, the Improvement Fund has a cash balance of \$ 15,681.73.

REVENUE BONDS - SEWER

The funding requirements of the Sanitary Sewage System Revenue Refunding Bonds. Series 2005 stipulate that separate accounts be established and funded as follows:

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NOTE C- CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

REVENUE BONDS - SEWER (Continued)

RECEIVING FUND

All gross income and revenue are first to be deposited in the Sanitary Sewage System Receiving Fund Account. Monies so deposited shall be expended and used as required to properly fund the other accounts.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS

A sufficient portion of income and revenue must be deposited to pay the reasonable and necessary current expenses of administration, operating, and maintaining the System.

BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION

Each month, deposits must be made to this account for payment of principal and interest on the bonds in a sum equal to or not less than one sixth of the semi-annual interest and one-twelfth of the annual principle payment on the Refunding Bonds.

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NOTE C- CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

REVENUE BONDS - SEWER (Continued)

BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION (Continued)

On March 31, 2008, the Township is required to have \$16,980.94 on deposit in the Bond and Interest Redemption account. The actual balance on March 31, 2008 is \$37,941.23, therefore, the Township has met the funding requirements.

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT

By ordinance, the balance of revenues in the Receiving Fund are to be set aside and transferred to the General Purpose Account.

On March 31, 2008, the General Purpose Money Market account had a balance of \$ 33,064.07.

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NOTE C- CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

On March 31, 2008, the carrying value of the Township's deposits (Primary Government) was \$ 601,840 and is comprised of cash and deposits reflected in the following funds:

<i>Governmental Funds</i>	
General Fund	\$ 61470
Liquor Law Enforcement Fund	364
Road Repair Fund	<u>183289</u>
<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>	245123
<i>Enterprise Fund</i>	
Water Fund	193924
Sewer Fund	<u>128008</u>
<i>Total Enterprise Funds</i>	321932
<i>Fiduciary Funds</i>	
Tax Collection Fund	<u>34785</u>
<i>Total Fiduciary Funds</i>	34785
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	\$ 601840

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NOTE C - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the local unit's cash deposits classifies cash according to three levels of risk.

The three levels of risk are as follows:

Category 1

Deposits which are insured or collateralized with securities held by the Township or its agent in the Township's name.

Category 2

Deposits which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Township's name.

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NOTE C - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Category 3

Deposits which are not collateralized or insured.

Based on these levels of risk, the Township's cash deposits
(Primary Government) are classified as follows:

SCHEDULE OF CASH AND DEPOSITS

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

	<u>Category 1</u>	<u>Category 2</u>	<u>Category 3</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and Deposits	\$ 292839	\$ -0-	\$ 309001	\$ 601840

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE C - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

INVESTMENTS

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Custodial risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party.

The Township's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed at year-end.

Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Township or its agent in the Township's name. **Category 2** includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker's or dealer's safekeeping department or agent in the Township's name. **Category 3** includes uninsured and registered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its safekeeping department or agent, but not in the Township's name.

There are no investments for the Township, as reflected below:

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NOTE C - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

INVESTMENTS (Continued)

	Category <u>1</u>	Category <u>2</u>	Category <u>3</u>	Carrying Value	Market Value
Investment Type	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Total Investments	\$ <u><u>-0-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-0-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-0-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-0-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-0-</u></u>

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Act 196, PA 1997, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in:

1. Bonds, securities, and other obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE C - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY (Continued)

2. Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution eligible to be a depository of funds belonging to the State of Michigan under a law or rule of this state or the United States.
3. Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.
4. Repurchase agreements consisting of instruments issued by the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE C - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY (Continued)

5. Bankers acceptances of United States banks.
6. Obligations of the State of Michigan or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than one standard rating service.
7. Mutual funds registered under the Investment Act of 1950 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation.

The Township has adopted an investment policy, allowing for all types of deposits and investments listed above. The Township's deposits and investments are in compliance with its investment policy.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN

DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND PLAN ASSETS

Bates Township is in an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS). The system provides the following provisions: normal retirement, deferred retirement, service retirement allowance, disability retirement allowance, non-duty-connected death and postretirement adjustments to plan members and their beneficiaries. The service requirement is computed using credited service at the time of termination of membership multiplied by the sum of 2.25 percent times the final average compensation (FAC) with a maximum benefit of 80 percent of FAC. The most recent period for which actuarial data was available was for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

MERS was organized pursuant to Section 12a of Act#156, Public Acts of 1851 (MSA 5.333(a); MCLA 46.12(a), as amended, State of Michigan. MERS is regulated under Act No. 427 of the Public Acts of 1984, sections of which have been approved by the State Pension Commission.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND PLAN ASSETS
(Continued)

MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system.

That report may be obtained by writing to:

<p>MERS 447 North Canal Street Lansing, Michigan 48917-9755</p>

FUNDING POLICY

The obligation to contribute to and maintain the system for these employees was established by personnel policy, which does not require employees to contribute to the plan. The Township is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate; the rate at December 31, 2007 was 31.34 percent.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE D - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

ANNUAL PENSION PLAN

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, the Township's contributions totaling \$8,039.60 were made in accordance with contribution requirement determined by an actuarial valuation of the plan as of December 31, 2007.

The employer contribution rate has been determined based on the entry age normal funding method. Under the entry age normal cost funding method, the total employer contribution is comprised of the normal cost plus the level annual percentage of payroll payment required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over 30 years.

The employer normal cost is, for each employee, the level percentage of payroll contribution (from entry age to retirement) required to accumulate sufficient assets at the member's retirement to pay for his projected benefit.

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

ANNUAL PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Significant actuarial assumptions used include a long-term investment yield rate of 8 percent and annual salary increases of 4.5 percent based on age-related scale to reflect merit, longevity, and promotional salary increases.

THREE YEAR TREND INFORMATION FOR GASB STATEMENT NO. 27

<u>Year Ended December 31</u>	<u>Annual Pension Cost (APC)</u>	<u>Percentage of AP Contribution</u>
2005	\$ 17510	100%
2006	14937	100%
2007	9000	100%

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR GASB STATEMENT NO. 25

Actuarial Valuation <u>Date</u>	Actuarial Value of <u>Assets</u>	Actuarial Accrued Liability <u>(AAL)</u>	Under-funded AAL <u>(UAAL)</u>	Funded <u>Ratio</u>	Covered <u>Payroll</u>	UUAL as a Percent of Covered <u>Payroll</u>
12/31/05	\$ 124077	\$ 264046	\$ 139969	47%	\$ 58626	239%
12/31/06	136500	287570	151070	47%	61992	244%
12/31/07	143929	276653	132724	52%	30572	434%

GASB 5 AND GASB 27 INFORMATION

The following information has been prepared to provide the information necessary to comply with GASB Statements 25 and 27. Statement 25 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1996 and Statement 27 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1997.

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

GASB 5 AND GASB 27 INFORMATION (Continued)

All entries are based on the actuarial methods and assumptions that were used in the December 31, 2007 actuarial valuation to determine the annual employer contribution amounts. The entry age normal actuarial method was used to determine the entries at disclosure.

GASB 25 INFORMATION (as of 12/31/07)

Actuarial Accrued Liability	
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	\$ 119,152
Terminated employees not yet receiving benefits	0
Actuarial Accrued Liability	
Current employees -	
Accumulated employee contributions including allocated investment income	0
Employer Financed	<u>157,501</u>
Total Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 276,653
Net Assets Available for Benefits at Actuarial Value (Market Value is \$ 145,608)	\$ <u>143,929</u>
Unfunded (Over-funded) Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 132,724

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NOTE D - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

GASB 27 INFORMATION (as of 12/31/07)

Fiscal Year Beginning	April 1, 2009
Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	\$ 9576
Amortization Factor Used	0.055889

NOTE E - EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS IN BUDGETARY FUNDS

BUDGET VIOLATIONS

P.A. 621 of 1978, SECTION 18 (1), as amended, provides a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

**NOTE E - EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS IN BUDGETARY FUNDS
(CONTINUED)**

BUDGET VIOLATIONS (Continued)

The Township's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the funds budgeted have been shown on an activity basis.

The approved budgets of **Bates Township** were adopted at the activity level. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is the same basis as financial statements.

The total actual 2007-2008 expenditures for the following activities (cost centers) exceeded the amended budget allocations by a total of \$ 7,603, contrary to the provisions of Section 17 of Public Act 621 of 1978, the "Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act".

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**NOTE E - EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS IN BUDGETARY FUNDS
(CONTINUED)**

BUDGET VIOLATIONS (Continued)

<u>ACTIVITY (COST CENTER)</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER EXPENDITURES</u>
<u>Road Repair Fund</u>			
Maintenance	\$ 110797	\$ 103194	\$ 7603

NOTE F - ACCUMULATED FUND DEFICITS

At March 31, 2008, the Township had no fund balance/retained earnings deficit in any fund.

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NOTE G - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Township maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Township. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in the past three fiscal years.

NOTE H - CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008

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FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE H - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>	Balance March 31, 2007	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance March 31, 2008
<u>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated</u>				
Land and Land Improvements	\$ <u>16218</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>16218</u>
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	16218	-0-	-0-	16218
<u>Other Capital Assets</u>				
Buildings	145996	-0-	-0-	145996
Furniture and Other Equipment	<u>131380</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>131380</u>
Total Other Capital Assets	277376	-0-	-0-	277376
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings	(74250)	(2020)	-0-	(76270)
Furniture and Other Equipment	<u>(103805)</u>	<u>(5036)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(108841)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(178055)	(7056)	-0-	(185111)
Other Capital Assets, Net	99321	(7056)	-0-	92265
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ <u>115539</u>	\$ <u>(7056)</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>108483</u>

Depreciation was charged to governmental functions as
unallocated.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE H - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for business-type activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008:

	Balance March 31, <u>2007</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance March 31, <u>2008</u>
<u>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</u>				
<u>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:</u>				
Land	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
<u>Other Capital Assets:</u>				
Machinery and Equipment	83269	-0-	-0-	83269
Water Mains/Lines	3853407	281384	-0-	4134791
Sewer Mains/Line	<u>2695043</u>	<u>3982</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2699025</u>
Total Capital Assets	\$ 6631719	\$ 285366	\$ -0-	\$ 6917085

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NOTE H - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES (Continued)

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	<u>Balance March 31, 2007</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance March 31, 2008</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Machinery and	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment	(18777)	(7419)	-0-	(26196)
Water Mains/Lines	(1363671)	(151042)	-0-	(1514713)
Sewer Mains/Lines	<u>(1784710)</u>	<u>(69137)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(1853847)</u>
 Total Accumulated Depreciation	 <u>(3167158)</u>	 <u>(227598)</u>	 <u>-0-</u>	 <u>(3394756)</u>
 TOTAL BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	 \$ <u>3464561</u>	 \$ <u>57768</u>	 \$ <u>-0-</u>	 \$ <u>3522329</u>

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NOTE I - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of changes of the primary government's long-term debt obligation on March 31, 2008.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2008</u>
<u>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</u>				
Water Supply System Revenue				
Bonds	\$ 1250000	\$ -0-	\$ 30000	\$ 1220000
Bonds Payable				
Citizens Bank				
Water Line Project	-0-	300000	5000	295000
Sanitary Sewage System				
Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005	<u>184000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>27000</u>	<u>157000</u>
TOTALS	\$ <u>1434000</u>	\$ <u>300000</u>	\$ <u>62000</u>	\$ <u>1672000</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE I - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROJECT

The Township received funding through the Rural Economic and Community Development Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture for improvements to its water supply system. The cost of the Project was \$3,260,000, and the period of usefulness of the Project is estimated to be not less than forty (40) years.

To pay part of the cost of acquiring and constructing the Project, the Township borrowed the sum of One Million Four Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$1,467,000) and revenue bonds have been issued pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. The balance of the cost of the Project was financed primarily by grant funds, approved in the amount of \$ 1,793,000.

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NOTE I - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROJECT (Continued)

On 9/15/94, the Township issued a 1994 Water Supply System Revenue Bond (General Obligation Limited Tax) as one single fully registered Bond numbered R-1 of the denomination of \$ 1,467,000 payable on September 1st of each year. Interest is payable semiannually on September 1st and March 1st of each year at 5.25% per annum.

The requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of March 31, 2008, including interest payments are as follows:

	<u>March 1</u> <u>Interest</u>		<u>September 1</u> <u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$		\$ 30000	\$ 32025	\$ 62025
2009	31238		30000	31238	92476

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NOTE I - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROJECT (Continued)

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	<u>March 1</u> <u>Interest</u>	<u>September 1</u> <u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010	\$ 30450	\$ 35000	\$ 30450	\$ 95900
2011	29531	35000	29531	94062
2012	28613	35000	28613	92226
2013	27694	35000	27694	90388
2014	26775	35000	26775	88550
2015	25856	35000	25856	86712
2016-2020	114190	205000	114190	433380
2021-2025	85838	235000	85838	406676
2026-2030	53420	265000	53420	371840
2031-2034	<u>16274</u>	<u>245000</u>	<u>16274</u>	<u>277548</u>
Totals	\$ <u>469879</u>	\$ <u>1220000</u>	\$ <u>501904</u>	\$ <u>2191783</u>

Subsequent to the completion of the Water Supply system project, the Township undertook the construction of an elevated cylinder tank, necessitated by unacceptably low water pressure conditions.

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NOTE I- LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROJECT (Continued)

The project was funded by a 75% federal grant with the local match funded by U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. and their insurance company. The project was completed at no cost to the Township.

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

On July 26, 2007, the Township approved a resolution to issue and sell general obligation Capital Improvement Bonds, pursuant to Act 34, in the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of improvements to the Township's Water Supply System, including designing, improving, replacing, constructing and upgrading existing line and system components, such improvements to include upgrades to the hydraulically deficient or deteriorated sections of the existing distribution system together with any related sites, structures, equipment and appurtenances, thereby improving the overall service to the customers of the Township's Water Supply System.

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NOTE I- LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

(Continued)

Interest is payable semi-annually on March 01st and September 01st of each year at 4.70% per annum.

The requirements to amortize the outstanding debt as of March 31, 2008 is as follows:

	March 01		September 01	
	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	\$	\$	\$ 6932.50	\$ 6932.50
2009	6932.50	5000.00	6815.00	18747.50
2010	6815.00	5000.00	6697.50	18512.50
2011	6697.50	20000.00	6227.50	32925.00
2012	6227.50	20000.00	5757.50	31985.00
2013	5757.50	20000.00	5287.50	31045.00
2014	5287.50	20000.00	4817.50	30105.00
2015	4817.50	20000.00	4347.50	29165.00
2016	4347.50	20000.00	3877.50	28225.00
2017-2022	<u>14100.00</u>	<u>165000.00</u>	<u>10222.50</u>	<u>189322.50</u>
Totals	\$ 60982.50	\$ 295000.00	\$ 60982.50	\$ 416965.00

BATES TOWNSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE I - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

REVENUE BONDS - SEWER

\$538,000 of sanitary sewage system revenue bonds were issued in previous years for the purpose of partial funding of the **Bates Township's** sanitary sewer system. The bonds were payable solely from the net income and revenues derived from the operation of the system.

These bonds were fully paid from the issuance of Sanitary Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2005.

**SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEM REVENUE
REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2005**

On September 27, 2005, the Township issued to the Miners State Bank, Iron River, Michigan, Sanitary Sewage System Revenue Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$ 210,000, to be used for the purpose of refunding the 1979 Sanitary Sewage System Revenue Bonds.

The bond consists of one single fully-registered bond in the denomination of \$ 210,000, payable in annual principal installments on September 01 of each year.

BATES TOWNSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE I - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

**SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEM REVENUE
REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2005 (Continued)**

The bonds bear interest from the date of delivery at the rate of four and ninety-five hundredths percent (4.95%) per annum, payable on March 01, 2006 and semiannually thereafter until maturity or earlier prepayment.

The requirements to amortize the outstanding debt as of March 31, 2008 is as follows:

	<u>March 01</u>	<u>September 01</u>		
	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2008	\$	\$ 28000.00	\$ 3885.75	\$ 31885.75
2009	3192.75	30000.00	3192.75	36385.50
2010	2450.25	31000.00	2450.25	35900.50
2011	1683.00	33000.00	1683.00	36366.00
2012	<u>866.25</u>	<u>35000.00</u>	<u>866.25</u>	<u>36732.50</u>
Totals	\$ <u>8192.25</u>	\$ <u>157000.00</u>	\$ <u>12078.00</u>	\$ <u>177270.25</u>

BATES TOWNSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE J - SEGMENT INFORMATION - Enterprise Funds

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 233972	\$ 91635	\$ 325607
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	158263	69335	227598
Operating Income or (Loss)	(9436)	(22748)	(32184)
Operating Grants, Entitlements, and Shared Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-
Operating Transfers:			
In	-0-	-0-	-0-
(Out)	-0-	-0-	-0-
Tax Revenues	-0-	-0-	-0-
Net Income or Loss	(92224)	(27405)	(119629)

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BATES TOWNSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE J - SEGMENT INFORMATION - Enterprise Funds (CONTINUED)

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	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total Enterprise Funds</u>
Current Capital:	\$	\$	\$
Contributions	-0-	-0-	-0-
Transfers	-0-	-0-	-0-
Property, Plant, and Equipment			
Additions	281384	-0-	281384
Deletions	-0-	-0-	-0-
Net Working Capital	(96107)	3009	(93098)
Total Assets	2812999	980722	3793721
Bonds and Other Long-Term			
Liabilities			
Payable from Operating Revenues	1535700	157000	1692700
Payable from Other Sources	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Equity	\$ 1277299	\$ 823722	\$ 2101021

BATES TOWNSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE K - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties exist when there is a relationship that offers the potential for transactions at less than arm's length, favorable treatment, or the ability to influence the outcome of events differently from that which might result in the absence of that relationship.

Financial statements must include disclosure of material related party transactions, other than compensation arrangements, expense allowances and similar items in the ordinary course of business. However, disclosure of transactions that are eliminated in the preparation of combined financial statements is not required in those statements.

On this basis, there were no related party transactions reported in the financial statements.

BATES TOWNSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE L - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have a material effect on the financial statements which requires adjustment or disclosure.

They relate to events that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the date of the balance sheet and events that provide evidence with respect to conditions that did not exist at the date of the balance sheet but arose subsequent to that date.

At fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, there were no subsequent events that would have a significant affect on the Township's operations.

NOTE M - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

There are no commitments or contingencies to be reported as of March 31, 2008.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BATES TOWNSHIP

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
General property taxes	\$ 104,500	\$ 104,500	\$ 111,031
Other local taxes/administration fees	19,000	19,000	22,938
Licenses, permits, and fees	5,000	5,000	2,905
Sale of property	-	-	-
Use of money and property	4,100	4,100	2,660
Charges for services-tax collection	13,000	13,000	7,318
Cemetery revenues	3,000	3,000	4,100
Parks and recreation	3,000	3,000	6,350
Miscellaneous	-	-	245
Intergovernmental	65,200	65,200	73,457
Total Revenue	\$ 216,800	\$ 216,800	\$ 231,004
<u>Expenditures</u>			
General government	\$ 73,500	\$ 77,461	\$ 77,461
Legislative	29,601	20,183	20,163
Township property	45,102	30,722	30,722
Department of Public Works	35,000	52,820	45,251
Public Safety	19,000	19,000	19,000
Recreation and Culture	9,000	12,779	12,779
Community Promotion	4,997	3,404	3,404
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 216,200	\$ 216,369	\$ 208,780
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>			
Operating transfers in	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	600	431	22,224
Fund Balance -Beginning of year	184,789	184,789	184,789
Fund Balance - End of year	\$ 185,389	\$ 185,220	\$ 207,013

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BATES TOWNSHIP

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - ROAD REPAIR FUND

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
Property Taxes	\$ 103,194	\$ 103,194	\$ 109,575
Other Taxes	-	-	2,538
Interest & Penalties on Taxes			683
Interest Revenue	-	-	2,216
Intergovernmental	-	-	9,376
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Total Revenue	103,194	103,194	124,388
 <u>Expenditures</u>			
Public Works	103,194	103,194	110,797
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Total Expenditures	103,194	103,194	110,797
 Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	13,591
 <u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>			
Operating transfers in	-	-	-
 Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	13,591
 Fund Balance -Beginning of year	<hr/> 143,973	<hr/> 143,973	<hr/> 143,973
 Fund Balance - End of year	<hr/> \$ 143,973	<hr/> \$ 143,973	<hr/> \$ 157,564

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BATES TOWNSHIP

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BALANCE SHEET - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND

MARCH 31, 2008

	LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	<u>\$ 364</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 364</u>
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>	
Fund Balance	<u>\$ 364</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 364</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND

MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>Liquor Law Enforcement Fund</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>	
Intergovernmental	<u>\$ 385</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 385
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Current:	
Public safety	<u>431</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	431
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	-46
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>410</u>
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 364</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET- ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

MARCH 31, 2008

	LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	ROAD REPAIR FUND	TOTAL
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 364	\$ 183,289	\$ 183,653
Taxes Receivable	-	8,713	8,713
Due from Other Funds	-	683	683
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 364</u>	<u>\$ 192,685</u>	<u>\$ 193,049</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Due to Other Funds	-	35,121	35,121
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	35,121	35,121
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>			
Fund Balance			
Reserved for Liquor Law Enforcement	364	-	364
Reserved for Road Maintenance and Improvement	-	157,564	157,564
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	364	157,564	157,928
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 364</u>	<u>\$ 192,685</u>	<u>\$ 193,049</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
EQUITY - ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>Liquor Law Enforcement Fund</u>	<u>Road Repair Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 109,575	\$ 109,575
Other Taxes	-	2,538	2,538
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	-	683	683
Interest Revenue	-	2,216	2,216
Grants	385	9,376	9,761
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TOTAL REVENUES	385	124,388	124,773
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Personal Services	400	-	400
Maintenance	31	110,797	110,828
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	431	110,797	111,228
 Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	 (46)	 13,591	 13,545
 FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	 <hr/> 410	 <hr/> 143,973	 <hr/> 144,383
 FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	 <hr/> \$ 364	 <hr/> \$ 157,564	 <hr/> \$ 157,928

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BATES TOWNSHIP

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - ALL ENTERPRISE FUND TYPES

MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
<i>Current Assets:</i>			
Cash and Deposits, Unrestricted	\$ 17,174	\$ 23,968	\$ 41,142
Accounts Receivable, Net	37,987	7,166	45,153
Due from Other Funds	-	190	190
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	55,161	31,324	86,485
<i>Noncurrent Assets:</i>			
Cash and Deposits, Restricted	176,750	104,040	280,790
Property, Plant, and Equipment	4,211,657	2,705,428	6,917,085
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,535,001)	(1,859,755)	(3,394,756)
<i>Total Noncurrent Assets</i>	2,853,406	949,713	3,803,119
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,908,567</u>	<u>\$ 981,037</u>	<u>\$ 3,889,604</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ 1,800
Due to Other Funds	95,758	125	95,883
Current portion of long-term debt	35,000	28,000	63,000
Deferred revenues	18,900	-	18,900
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	151,458	28,125	179,583
<i>Non-current Liabilities:</i>			
Revenue bonds payable	1,480,000	129,000	1,609,000
<i>Total Non-current Liabilities</i>	1,480,000	129,000	1,609,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,631,458	157,125	1,788,583
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>			
Retained Earnings	1,277,109	823,912	2,101,021
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,277,109	823,912	2,101,021
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 2,908,567</u>	<u>\$ 981,037</u>	<u>\$ 3,889,604</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS - ALL ENTERPRISE FUND TYPES

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>WATER FUND</u>	<u>SEWER FUND</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>			
Charges for Services	\$ 233,197	\$ 86,403	\$ 319,600
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>775</u>	<u>5,232</u>	<u>6,007</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 233,972	\$ 91,635	\$ 325,607
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
Personal Services	\$ 23,223	\$ 21,010	\$ 44,233
Administrative and Clerical	6,321	2,818	9,139
Fringe Benefits	1,921	1,752	3,673
Pump House	30,815	-	30,815
Professional Fees/Contract Labor	5,378	7,841	13,219
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	4,584	-	4,584
Water Lines	1,198	-	1,198
Water Purchases	11,705	-	11,705
Lift Station/Equipment	-	11,627	11,627
Depreciation	<u>158,263</u>	<u>69,335</u>	<u>227,598</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 243,408	\$ 114,383	\$ 357,791
OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)	(9,436)	(22,748)	(32,184)
NON-OPERATING INCOME			
Interest Income	3,717	3,783	7,500
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES			
Interest Expense	(73,864)	(8,440)	(82,304)
Cost of Issuance	(12,641)	-	(12,641)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(92,224)	(27,405)	(119,629)
RETAINED EARNINGS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,369,333</u>	<u>851,317</u>	<u>2,220,650</u>
RETAINED EARNINGS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,277,109</u>	<u>\$ 823,912</u>	<u>\$ 2,101,021</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND*MARCH 31, 2008***ASSETS**

Cash and Deposits:

Unrestricted \$ 61,470

Receivables:

Taxes 8,829

Accounts -

Due From Other Funds 136,714**TOTAL ASSETS \$ 207,013****FUND EQUITY**Fund Balance 207,013**TOTAL FUND EQUITY \$ 207,013**

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

BATES TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF REVENUES – GENERAL FUND
ACTUAL AND BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
<u>TAXES</u>			
Current Tax Levy	\$ 111,031	\$ 104,500	\$ 6,531
Administrative Fees	15,481	4,000	11,481
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	2,652	3,000	(348)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,219	2,000	219
Commercial Forest/Swamp Tax	<u>2,586</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(7,414)</u>
TOTAL TAXES	133,969	123,500	10,469
<u>STATE-SHARED RECEIPTS</u>			
Sales Tax	<u>73,457</u>	<u>65,200</u>	<u>8,257</u>
TOTAL STATE-SHARED RECEIPTS	73,457	65,200	8,257
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
Cemetery	4,100	3,000	1,100
Parks and Recreation	6,350	3,000	3,350
Tax Collection	<u>7,318</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>(5,682)</u>
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	17,768	19,000	(1,232)
<u>INTEREST AND RENTAL</u>			
Interest	705	1,100	(395)
Hall Rental	<u>1,955</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(1,045)</u>
TOTAL INTEREST AND RENTAL	2,660	4,100	(1,440)
<u>OTHER REVENUE</u>			
Zoning Permits/Fees	2,905	5,000	(2,095)
Miscellaneous	<u>245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>245</u>
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	3,150	5,000	(1,850)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 231,004</u>	<u>\$ 216,800</u>	<u>\$ 14,204</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES – GENERAL FUND
ACTUAL AND BUDGET**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
<u>LEGISLATIVE</u>			
<u>Township Board</u>			
Salaries	\$ 2,363	\$ -	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	188	-	
Office Supplies	184		
Legal Services	6,480		
Accounting and Audit	6,886	-	-
Membership Dues/Education	677		
Printing/Publishing	387		
Contracted Services	125	-	-
Miscellaneous	<u>2,873</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE	\$ 20,163	\$ 20,183	\$ 20
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
<u>Supervisor</u>			
Salaries	9468	-	-
Fringe Benefits	<u>724</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Supervisor	10,192	10,192	-
<u>Assessor</u>			
Salaries	11012	-	-
Fringe Benefits	843		
Supplies	848	-	-
Professional Fees	951		
Membership Dues	115	-	-
Mileage	<u>98</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Assessor	13,867	13,867	-
<u>Elections</u>			
Salaries/Compensation	840	-	-
Supplies	814		
Mileage	33		
Miscellaneous	<u>90</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Elections	\$ 1,777	\$ 1,777	\$ -

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BATES TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND
ACTUAL AND BUDGET
(CONTINUED)
FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
<u>Clerk</u>			
Salaries	\$ 12,548	\$ -	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	960		
Office Supplies	1,350	-	-
Computer	1,614		
Membership Dues/Education	65		
Mileage	11	-	-
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Total Clerk	16,548	16,548	-
<u>Treasurer</u>			
Salaries	15,248	-	-
Fringe Benefits	1,167		
Office Supplies	1,392	-	-
Computer	1,372		
Tax Roll	2,294	-	-
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Total Treasurer	21,473	21,473	-
<u>Board of Review</u>			
Contracted Services	900	-	-
Printing/Publishing	143		
Membership/Dues	820	-	-
Mileage/Travel	72		
Miscellaneous	89	-	-
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Total Board of Review	2,024	2,024	-
<u>Zoning</u>			
Salaries	3100	-	-
Fringe Benefits	237		
Meetings	1485	-	-
Mileage	61		
Office Supplies	334	-	-
Dues and Education	385		
Printing/Publishing	281	-	-
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Total Zoning	<u>\$ 5,883</u>	<u>\$ 5,883</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND
ACTUAL AND BUDGET
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
<u>Cemetery</u>			
Salaries	\$ 1,666	\$ -	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	3,268		
Supplies	77	-	-
Computer	336	-	-
Printing/Publishing	22		
Water Purchases	70	-	-
Maintenance	258		
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Total Cemetery	5,697	5,697	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 77,461	\$ 77,461	\$ -
 <u>TOWNSHIP PROPERTY</u>			
<u>Township Hall</u>			
Insurance	21121	-	-
Utilities	6250		
Telephone	3351	-	-
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Total Township Hall	30,722	30,722	-
TOTAL TOWNSHIP PROPERTY	\$ 30,722	\$ 30,722	\$ -
 <u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>			
Salaries	10,548	-	-
Fringe Benefits	20,694		
Supplies	2,457	-	-
Contracted Services	1,954		
Gas, Oil and Fuel	3,384	-	-
Repair and Maintenance	2,102		
Street Lighting	4,112	-	-
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TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 45,251	\$ 52,820	\$ 7,569
 <u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>			
Fire Protection	19,000	19,000	-
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TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	\$ -

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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND
ACTUAL AND BUDGET
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
<u>RECREATION AND CULTURAL</u>			
<u>Parks</u>			
Salaries	\$ 1,722	\$ -	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	3,512		
Supplies	946		
Contracted Services	3,167	-	-
License and Permits	284		
Utilities	659		
Telephone	380	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	<u>2,109</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL RECREATION AND CULTURAL	\$ 12,779	\$ 12,779	\$ -
 COMMUNITY PROMOTION	 \$ 3,404	 \$ 3,404	 \$ -
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 <u>\$ 208,780</u>	 <u>\$ 216,369</u>	 <u>\$ 7,589</u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

BALANCE SHEET - LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS

Cash	<u>\$ 364</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 364</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance	<u>\$ 364</u>
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 364</u>
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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY - LIQUOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND
ACTUAL AND BUDGET**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
State Grants	\$ 385	\$ -	\$ -
 TOTAL REVENUES	 \$ 385	 \$ 385	 \$ -
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Public Safety :			
Constable Wages	400	-	-
Fringe Benefits	31		
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 \$ 431	 \$ 431	 \$ -
 Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	 (46)	 (46)	 -
 FUND BALANCE, APRIL 1	 410		
 FUND BALANCE, MARCH 31	 <u>\$ 364</u>		

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BATES TOWNSHIP

BALANCE SHEET - ROAD REPAIR FUND*MARCH 31, 2008***ASSETS**

Cash	\$	183,289
Taxes Receivable		8,713
Due from Tax Fund		683
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$	192,685
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**LIABILITIES**

Due to Other Funds		<hr/> 35,121
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	35,121

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance		<hr/> 157,564
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		157,564
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$	192,685
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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY - ROAD
REPAIR FUND
ACTUAL AND BUDGET**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Property Taxes	\$ 109,575	\$ 103,194	\$ 6,381
Other Taxes	2,538	-	2,538
Interest	2,216	-	2,216
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	683	-	683
State Metro Act	3,650	-	3,650
Grant-Schools and Roads	<u>5,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,726</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 124,388	\$ 103,194	\$ 21,194
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Maintenance	<u>110,797</u>	<u>103,194</u>	<u>(7,603)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 110,797	\$ 103,194	\$ (7,603)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	13,591	-	13,591
FUND BALANCE, APRIL 1	<u>143,973</u>		
FUND BALANCE, MARCH 31	<u><u>\$ 157,564</u></u>		

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BATES TOWNSHIP

BALANCE SHEET - WATER FUND*MARCH 31, 2008***ASSETS**

Cash and Deposits:

Restricted \$ 176,750

Unrestricted 17,174

Accounts Receivable 37,987

Property, Plant and Equipment 4,211,657

Accumulated Depreciation (1,535,001)**TOTAL ASSETS \$ 2,908,567****LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY****LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable 1,800

Deferred Revenue 18,900

Due to Other Funds 95,758

Bonds Payable 1,515,000**TOTAL LIABILITIES 1,631,458****FUND EQUITY**Retained Earnings 1,277,109**TOTAL FUND EQUITY 1,277,109****TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY \$ 2,908,567**

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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS-
WATER FUND**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

OPERATING REVENUE

Charges for Services	\$ 233,197
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>775</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 233,972

OPERATING EXPENSES

Personal Services	23,223
Administrative and Clerical	6,321
Fringe Benefits	1,921
Pump House	30,815
Professional Fees/Contract Labor	5,378
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	4,584
Water Lines	1,198
Water Purchases	11,705
Depreciation	<u>158,263</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 243,408

Operating Profit (Loss)	(9,436)
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NON-OPERATING INCOME

Interest Income	3,717
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NON-OPERATING EXPENSES

Interest Expense	(73,864)
Cost of Issuance	(12,641)
Net Income (Loss)	(92,224)

RETAINED EARNINGS, APRIL 1	<u>1,369,333</u>
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RETAINED EARNINGS, MARCH 31	<u>\$ 1,277,109</u>
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BATES TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - WATER FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

CASH FLOWS FROM (USED BY)

OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net cash received from fees and services	\$ 230,054
Other operating revenues	775
Cash payments to employees for services	(29,544)
Cash payments to goods and services	(57,401)
Other operating expenses	-
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NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 143,884
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NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	-
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	-
Net operating transfers in (out)	-
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NET CASH FROM NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-
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CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(281,385)
Principal payment on long-term bonds	(35,000)
Interest paid on long-term bonds	(73,864)
Interest and tax expense	-
Proceeds from borrowings	300,000
Cost of Issuance	(12,641)
Contributed capital grants	-
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NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(102,890)
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Interest Income	3,717
Loss on Investments	-
Decrease in Investments	-
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NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	\$ 3,717
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NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	44,711
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Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	149,213
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Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 193,924
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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - WATER FUND
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING
ACTIVITIES**

Operating Income	\$ (9,436)
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
. Depreciation	158,263
. Provision for uncollectible accounts	
. Changes in assets and liabilities :	
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	(3,143)
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	(1,800)
Increase (Decrease) in deferred revenue	-
Increase (Decrease) in customer deposits	-
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NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$ 143,884</u></u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

BALANCE SHEET - SEWER FUND*MARCH 31, 2008***ASSETS**

Cash and Deposits :	
Restricted	\$ 104,040
Unrestricted	23,968
Accounts Receivable	7,166
Due from Other Funds	190
Property, Plant and Equipment	2,705,428
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,859,755)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 981,037</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**LIABILITIES**

Due to Other Funds	125
Bonds Payable	<u>157,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	157,125

FUND EQUITY

Retained Earnings	<u>823,912</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>823,912</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 981,037</u>
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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS -
SEWER FUND**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

OPERATING REVENUE

Charges for Services	\$ 86,403
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>5,232</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 91,635

OPERATING EXPENSES

Personal Services	21,010
Administrative and Clerical	2,818
Professional Services	7,841
Fringe Benefits	1,752
Lift Station/Equipment	11,627
Depreciation	<u>69,335</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 114,383

Operating Profit (Loss)	(22,748)
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NON-OPERATING INCOME

Interest Income	3,783
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NON-OPERATING EXPENSES

Interest Expense	(8,440)
Net Income (Loss)	(27,405)

RETAINED EARNINGS, APRIL 1	<u>851,317</u>
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RETAINED EARNINGS, MARCH 31	<u><u>\$ 823,912</u></u>
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BATES TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - SEWER FUND*FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008***CASH FLOWS FROM (USED BY)****OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Net cash received from fees and services	\$ 86,427
Other operating revenues	5,232
Cash payments to employees for services	(21,010)
Cash payments to goods and services	(24,038)
Other operating expenses	-

NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 46,611
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NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	-
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	-
Net operating transfers in (out)	-

NET CASH FROM NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$ -
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CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(3,981)
Principal payment on long-term bonds	(27,000)
Interest paid on long-term bonds	(8,440)
Interest and tax expense	-
Proceeds from borrowings	-
Contributed capital grants	-

NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$ (39,421)
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Interest Income	3,783
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NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	\$ 3,783
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NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	10,973
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Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	117,035
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Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 128,008</u>
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BATES TOWNSHIP

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - SEWER FUND
(CONTINUED)**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING
ACTIVITIES**

Operating Income	\$ (22,748)
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
. Depreciation	69,335
. Provision for uncollectible accounts	-
. Changes in assets and liabilities :	
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	24
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	-
Increase (Decrease) in deferred revenue	-
Increase (Decrease) in customer deposits	-
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NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$ 46,611</u></u>

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BATES TOWNSHIP

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - TRUST AND AGENCY FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	<u>Balance 3/31/2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance 3/31/2008</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$ 65,458	\$1,517,915	\$1,548,588	\$ 34,785
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 65,458</u>	<u>\$1,517,915</u>	<u>\$1,548,588</u>	<u>\$ 34,785</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Due to Other Funds	40,761	244,011	278,189	6,583
Due to State	-	15,819	15,819	-
Due to Schools	-	467,213	467,213	-
Due to ISD	-	77,805	77,805	-
Due to County	-	654,612	653,227	1,385
Due to Library	-	48,928	48,600	328
Due to Other	-	7,735	7,735	-
CFR, Undesignated	24,697	1,792	-	26,489
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 65,458</u>	<u>\$1,517,915</u>	<u>\$1,548,588</u>	<u>\$ 34,785</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

DS Rostagno, CPA, P.C.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Trustees
Bates Township
Iron River, Michigan 49935

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, which collectively comprise **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 09, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, and with the standards prescribed by the State Treasurer.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing opinions on the effectiveness of **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express opinions on the effectiveness of **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's internal control.

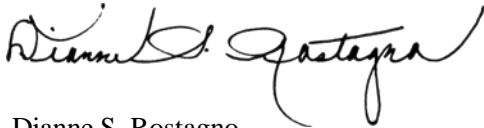
Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan, in a separate letter dated July 09, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and it is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne S. Rostagno". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dianne S. Rostagno
DS ROSTAGNO, CPA, P.C.

July 09, 2008

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Members of the Township Board

Bates Township

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Iron River, Michigan 49935

In planning and performing the audit of the financial statements of **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Township's internal control structure to plan the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan's internal control.

During our audit, we noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and other operational matters that are presented for your consideration. They are divided into three categories: significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and other matters.

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

There are no matters to report.

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

New Comments

Ability to Prepare Financial Statements and Related Note Disclosures

Like other local units of government of similar size, limited financial summaries and abbreviated financial statements are made available for the Board members. The Township relies on auditors to draft its financial statements and related disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Board members review and accept the financial statements on behalf of the Township. The hiring of additional personnel to prepare the financial statements would not be cost effective.

Recommendation

Members of the Board should remain involved in the financial reporting process to provide an oversight function. Township officials agree and will continue to use the auditor's assistance in drafting its financial statements and will remain involved in the financial reporting process.

Audit Adjustments

The Township relies on its auditors to prepare year-end non-recurring adjusting journal entries to adjust its financial statements. Board members review and accept the adjusting entries on behalf of the Township.

Recommendation

Members of the Board should continue to review and approve non-recurring entries. Township officials agree and will continue to use the auditor's assistance in preparing year-end adjusting journal entries.

Significant Deficiencies Communicated in Prior Years

There are no matters to report.

OTHER MATTERS

New Comments

There are no matters to report.

Matters Communicated in Prior Years

BUDGETS

Public Act 621 of 1978, Section 17 (1), as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of amounts appropriated.

OTHER MATTERS (Continued)

Matters Communicated in Prior Years (Continued)

BUDGETS (Continued)

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007, the Township had several expenditures in excess of the amounts appropriated.

Prior Recommendation

It was recommended that budgeted amounts be compared to actual expenditures and the budget amended accordingly.

Resolution

Although largely improved, there was an expenditure which exceeded the amount appropriated.

Current Recommendation

It is recommended that the Township closely monitor its expenditures, and amend the budget as needed. Township officials concur, and will do so.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Elected and appointed officials are defined by statute as employees of the public entity they serve. Because they are considered employees, they are subject to social security and medicare withholding.

In conjunction with the prior audit, it was noted that the Township's Board of Review and Zoning Board members were not being treated as employees for payroll purposes.

Recommendation

It was recommended that compensation for all elected and appointed officials be reported as payroll from which the Township must withhold the mandatory social security and medicare.

Resolution

Earnings of the Zoning board members have been reported through payroll, as required. However, since the "MTA Authorities and Responsibilities" publication did not specify the reporting requirement for the Board of Review, compensation for these individuals has not been reported as payroll.

Current Recommendation

Compensation for members of the Board of Review should be reported as payroll, from which the Township must withhold mandatory social security and medicare. Township officials have agreed to do so in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

OTHER MATTERS (Continued)

Matters Communicated in Prior Years (Continued)

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

In conjunction with the prior audit, we noted that the IRS requires the reporting for services performed for an unincorporated trade or business by people not treated as its employees in amounts of \$600 or more, and all amounts paid to attorneys on forms 1099-MISC. The Township had not reported these activities as required.

Recommendation

It was recommended that payments for services described above be reported as required.

Resolution

Although required, a 1099-MISC was not provided to the Township attorney.

Current Recommendation

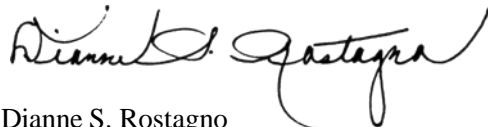
The Township should review all payments made to unincorporated entities and to the Township attorney at the close of each calendar year, and issue the required forms. Township officials have agreed to do so.

This letter does not affect our report dated July 09, 2008 on the financial statements of **Bates Township**, Iron River, Michigan. We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. Our comments and recommendations, which have been discussed with appropriate Township officials, are intended to improve the internal control structure or result in other operating efficiencies. We will be pleased to discuss these comments in further detail at your convenience, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

It has been a pleasure working with Township officials, and we wish to express our appreciation for their cooperation and assistance during the audit engagement.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne S. Rostagno", written in a cursive style.

Dianne S. Rostagno
DS ROSTAGNO, CPA, P.C.

July 09, 2008